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1. a. At Luban (Lauban, 12 km east of Gorkitz, Silesia), there was formerly a large "V-2" factory and plant for the manufacture of "Goliath" tanks. It was estimated that the area covered by the factory was three square kilometers. The buildings are of brick construction. Electric power comes from Walbrzych (Waldenburg), Silesia. Some of the installations are underground. The Russians brought exports [] and put the factory partially into commission again. 50X1-HUM
- b. Before the Luban (Lauban) factory resumed production, timber was allocated from its stores to the State Furniture Factory in Swidnica (Schweidnitz), Silesia. As soon however, as the Goliath factory was placed in commission, the timber allocation was taken away. Information concerning the production of V-2's was not available. The workers are all Russians or Germans, and live in barracks and are regimented. Machine tools previously shipped to USSR are being returned.
2. a. The administration of the Ascania Aircraft Parts Factory at Jelenia Gora (Hirschberg), Silesia is Russian. The engineers-draughtsmen are Germans forcibly detained here. Poles are also employed. Altogether there are about 1000 persons working in this plant. The factory is making radio valves and precision instruments such as altimeters, metal valves and radio valves of the AZ-1, AL, Y, X types. Parts are conveyed by Russian or Polish trucks somewhere in the direction of Breslau after completion. Shipments take place once a week and the column numbers from thirty to forty trucks under Polish or Russian escort.
- b. Access to the works is guarded by an "Industrial Air Force guard" under the command of Captain Krawiec, a Pole. The guards number approximately 100 men, each of whom is paid 1,200 zlotys salary a month. Workers employed in this plant are not allowed to leave and, should they manifest a desire to change their place of employment, they are threatened with arrest and imprisonment. The Germans are very pleased with the prevailing conditions. The workers supplement their meager wages by stealing valves, which they then sell at a price varying from 200 to 1,500 zlotys.

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